

# State of Utah

# Department of Natural Resources

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# Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Company	Mike Davis	
OGM	Pete Hess Environmental Scientist III	

# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:			
Inspection Type:			
Inspection Date:	Thursday, November 09, 2006		
Start Date/Time:	11/9/2006 9:12:00 AM		
End Date/Time:	11/9/2006 2:00:00 PM		
Last Inspection:	Monday, October 02, 2006		

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: <u>Sunny, cold, and breezy.</u> InspectionID Report Number: <u>1145</u>

**Types of Operations** 

Accepted by: whedberg 11/28/2006

Friday, November 24, 2006

Date

Permitee: CANYON FUEL COMPANY LLC
Operator: CANYON FUEL COMPANY LLC

Site: SUFCO MINE

Address: 397 S 800 W, SALINA UT 84654

County: SEVIER

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

#### **Current Acreages**

<b>Total Permitted</b>	26,766.95
<b>Total Disturbed</b>	27.36
Phase I	
Phase II	
Phase III	

### Mineral Ownership

✓ Federal	<b>✓</b> Underground
<b>✓</b> State	☐ Surface
☐ County	☐ Loadout
☐ Fee	Processing
Other	Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee is current relative to the submittal of quarterly surface and ground water monitoring requirements.

The Special Permit Condition (Attachment A) is being met.

There are no pending compliance actions for the SUFCO Mine permit area.

Inspector's Signature:

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 46

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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# REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
   Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale				
2.	Signs and Markers	<b>✓</b>			
3.	Topsoil	✓			
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	✓			
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments				
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	✓		<b>✓</b>	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<b>✓</b>		<b>V</b>	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives	<b>V</b>			
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<b>✓</b>			
8.	Noncoal Waste	<b>V</b>		<b>✓</b>	
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading				
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
15.	Cessation of Operations		<b>✓</b>		
16.a	Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.b	Roads: Drainage Controls	<b>V</b>			
17.	Other Transportation Facilities	✓			
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<b>V</b>		•	
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit	<b>V</b>		<b>✓</b>	
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other	<b>✓</b>		<b>V</b>	

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# 4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The Permittee has a problem in the Link Canyon portal area, in that runoff from the USFS road above the Link portal is accessing this disturbed area via the ASCA's access road. October was a very wet month, and several flows have jumped this junction, washing the gravel which is used as one of the sediment control measures down the road slope toward the portal and the undisturbed bypass culverts. These flows have also overtopped two of the Permittee's silt fences in this area. The Permittee has been asked to clean and repair the two silt fences and implement a change to the drainage pattern at the ASCA access road junction. This is necessary to route the FS access road runoff down the road, rather than through the Permittee's disturbed area. Sand bags across this area were suggested in order to divert the FS road runoff. Mr. Davis took action to have the silt fences repaired and the washed road graded.

## 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The Quitchupah Creek / Route 10 crossing was observed this day enroute to the Mine. The flow was clear.

### 8. Noncoal Waste

The Permittee found it necessary to replace an electrical transformer in the lower Canyon pump house on November 8, 2006. This was done by opening up the roof of the structure, and lowering the transformer into place. Noncoal waste (shingles, tar paper, plastic jugs, etc.) was observed in the area. The clean up of this waste is a priority item on the Permittee's "To Do" list.

#### 14. Subsidence Control

The Permittee has made new repairs to an old subsidence crack (in a road) ENE of Johnson pond. This crack was first repaired in 1998. According to Mr. Davis, this new crack is approximately two inches wide.

### 18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

The Permittee continues to make progress relative to the retro-fit of the lower substation area. New concrete pours for the foundation of a new motor control center building were observed. The Permittee found it necessary to increase the surface area of this utility facility by approximately 2,500 square feet in order to accommodate electrical apparatus from the hillside substation facility. Permitting was accomplished via Task ID #2666.

#### 20. Air Quality Permit

Paved areas of the truck loading / scale house area were observed to have been recently wet down.

**Inspection Continuation Sheet** 

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# 22. Other

The Permittee has enhanced the dam on the south end of the Box pond impounding embankment. Sediment from the pond was used as materal. This was done at the request of the USFS. Exploration activities for the SUFCO Mine permit area have ended for 2006. Mr. Mark Bunnell has informed the DOGM that hole B-05 on the SITLA Muddy tract and one hole on Federal BLM area remain to be drilled. Surveyors employed by the Sevier County Special Service District were observed in Quitchupah Canyon below the Mine site; design work for the new road (Quitchupah road) to connect the mine with Route 10 is proceeding.